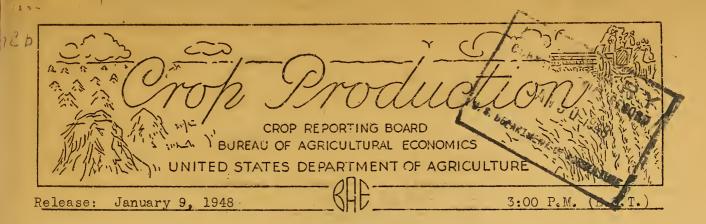
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JANUARY 1, 1948

The Crop Reporting Board of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics makes the following report for the United States from data furnished by crop correspondents, field statisticians, and cooperating State agencies.

GRAIN AND HAY STOCKS ON FARMS

	: Percent	age 1937-46 1,000 bushels	Percent	1,000	Percent	
Corn for grain Wheat Oats Soybeans Hay	34.3 63.1	1,811,738 310,518 733,849 2/3/67,833	72.4 31.7 59.6 18.6 69.2	2,136,640 365,794 892,282 37,374 3/69,675	70.5 31.3 61.2 28.0 67.9	1,517,901 427,620 743,783 50,749 3/69,630
Barley	58.5	· ·	49.2	128,935	48.0	1, 1947 133,912
Rye	55.1	20,558	29.5	5,576	. 32,6	8,477

COMPARATIVE DATA FOR PREVIOUS QUARTERS

CROP	Oct. 1, 1946	Apr. 1, 1947	July 1, 1947	Oct. 1, 1947
	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.
Corn for grain Wheat Oats Soybeans	153,003 551,669 1,147,713 2,118	1,276,329 139,851 532,895 25,475	677,375 40,477 257,099 6,389	254,210 610,300 964,340 2,236
	June 1 Average 1937-46	June 1, 1945	June 1, 1946	June 1, 1947
Barley	55,426 9,702	60,115 3 , 408	45,773 1,571	36,879 854
	May 1 Average 1937-46	May 1, 1945	May 1, 1946	May 1,
Hay	<u>3</u> /14,218	3/15,892	3/20,607	3/15,974

CROP PRODUCTION, JANUARY 1, 1948

anon.	PRODUCTION							
CROP .	Average : 1945 : 1945		1946	:Indicated : 1947				
,	Thousand boxes							
CITRUS FRUITS 1/								
Oranges & Tangerines Grapefruit Lemons	86,678 44,593 12,186	104,350 63,450 14,450	118,680 59,520 13,760	112,560 62,270 14,100				

MONTHLY MILK AND EGG PRODUCTION

MONDE	:	MILK		EGGS			
MONTH	:Average :1936-45	1946	1947	: Average : 1936-45	1946	1947	
	Mi	llion pound	is		Millions		
November	7,770	8,297	8,099	2,230	3,110	3,291	
December	7,991	8,529	8,170	2,619	3,765	3,746	
Jan Dec. Incl	111,785 T	119,730	120,162	44,739	55,613	55,476	

1/ Season begins with the bloom of the year shown and ends with the completion of harvest the following year.

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GENERAL CROP REPORT AS OF JANUARY 1. 1948

Wheat stocks on farms January 1 were the second largest of record for the date, despite heavy disappearance of the record 1947 crop. Farm stocks of feed grains were the smallest since the drought years, chiefly because corn stocks, at 1,518 million bushels are a sixth below average.

Factors affecting 1948 crop prospects brought improvement during December in much of the country. Winter wheat seeding has continued unusually late in southern Great Plains areas, with good germination and growth. Wet fields continued to hamper harvesting of crop remnants and carrying out of seeding plans in the Southeast. Soil moisture was adequate in most areas, excessive in the Southeast. Although weather permitted seasonal farm activities outside the Southeast, some corn, soybeans and cotton remain unharvested. Grazing was terminated by snow in northernmost parts of the eastern half of the country and in parts of northern Mountain States, but had continued later than usual in much of the country, helping to conserve feed grain supplies.

Soil moisture supplies appear adequate in most areas, built up by fall rains and snows. The middle and southern Great Plains wheat areas in particular, benefited from precipitation 2 to 3 times normal, but because of the earlier protracted dry period the southern areas would benefit from more rain. The fact that December precipitation was below normal in most northern areas is not significant at this stage, except that it permitted fall activities to continue. The snow pack in Mountain areas, source of irrigation water, has not yet reached desired depths particularly in the southern portions. It continues dry in California and the far Southwest. Heavy rains in the Southe st have hampered both harvesting of remnants of cotton, corn, peanuts and lespedeza seed, and the seeding of fall grains. As a result, harvesting losses have occurred and some acreage intended for winter wheat may be sown to spring oats and barley. Temperatures averaged 2 to 4 degrees above normal for the month, except in the Northeast, Minnesota and eastern parts of North and South Dakota, and the far Southwest where it was slightly colder than usual. Snow covers dormant grains in most of the North Central and North Atlantic regions, but a broad belt along the eastern slope of the northern and central Rockies is bare, extending into the Great Plains southward from northeastern Kansas.

Wheat stocks on farms - 428 million bushels - are second largest of record for January 1, exceeded only in 1943. Movement from farms in the October-December quarter was only slightly less than the record set in the same period of 1946 and followed record movement for the July-September quarter.

Disappearance of feed grains has been lighter than in the October-December quarter of recent years, but January 1 aggregate stocks on farms are the smallest since 1937. In relation to the grain-consuming units of livestock and poultry, . current feed grain supplies on farms are, with the exception of 1943, lower than on January 1 of any of the past 12 years and one-seventh below the average of those 10 years. Hay stocks of nearly 70 million tons are relatively large and well distributed. Only a few areas report a likelihood of hay shortages, some of these in northern Mountain areas where snow closed ranges early. Hay has been fed rather heavily, despite the mild weather, in some northeastern States, reflecting the rather poor quality of this season's supply. Western ranges furnished fairly good grazing during December, with most ranges open. Livestock have continued in good condition with little supplemental feeding, except in parts of Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota and some local areas that were snow-covered,

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Continued heavy feeding of dairy cows during December is reflected in new-record production of milk per cow, despite our moderately favorable weather. With fewer cows milked during 1947 milk production for the year is estimated at 120 billion pounds, exceeded only in 1945 and then by only I percent. In most meas December milk production was less than in 1946. Egg production in December also was at a high level, about here come as last year. In the entire year 1947 nearly $55\frac{1}{2}$ billion eggs were produced, about the same as in 1946 and nearly one-fourth above average. On James y 1 layers numbered about 1 percent less and potential layers 2 percent less than a year earlier.

At this stage most factors point toward the probability that the relatively large proportion of the country's available cropland will be kert in crops in 1948. This was true in 1947 when spring planting conditions were extremely adverse. The largest winter wheat acreage of record has finally been sown despite great difficulties. Growing conditions favored progress of which during December, Pall-sown flax acreage in Texas, Arizons and California is nearly two-thirds larger than a year ago. The open fall and early winter lar permitted removal of most crops from fields, much fall plowing, weed-killing, manuring and fertilizing in preparation for spring work, the chief exception to this being the water-logged fields in the Southeast. The continued increase in mechanization of farms and improvement in the farm labor situation will be important factors in getting spring planting done at the proper times even if spring weather is uncooperative. Stocks of feed grazus are low and in reed of replenishing. As an incentive to hold production at a high level, prices received by farmers for farm products are at a favorable level compared with prices farmers must pay for goods used in production.

The 1.318 million bushels of earn on farms January 1, CORN STOCKS ON FARMS: 1948 are the smallest January 1 stocks since 1937. January 1 stocks are down 29 percent or 619 millifon sachals from a fact ago when stocks were the second largest of record, and le percent or 204 million bushels less than the 1937-46 average. Disappearance of 890 million bushels of corn from faims since October I was about 0 percent less than in the same quarter a year ago and about 2 percent less than average,

In Iowa and Micsouri January 1 farr stocks of corn are only half those of a year ago and the smallest since 1937. In Illinois, where January I farm stocks are also the smallest since 1937, they are a third less than last your. Nebraska and Kansas stocky are the challest since 1941. South Dakota Was the smallest January 1 supply on fames since 1942, Obio and Indiana have the smallest stocks since 1945. For the Morth Control States as a whole January 1 farm stocks of corn are down more than a third from last year and the smallest since 1937.

In the North Atlantic States January 1 farm stocks of corn are alightly less than last year, but slightly more than average. The largest Johnson 1 stocks of record in Virginia and North Carollan and large stocks in Georgia and South Carolina account for the South Atlantic States Lating the largest January 1 supply in history. In the Scath Contral Junes, above-average stocks in Kentucky and Tennessee are more than offset by small stocks in the other States of the group to give the smallest January is supply since 1940. Texas farm stocks of corn on January 1 were the lowest of record for that date: In the West, January 1 farm stocks are about 13 percent larger than a year 2,00, 7 percent smaller than average.

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WHEAT STOCKS ON FARMS: January 1 stocks of wheat on farms total 427,620,000 bushels, the second largest January 1 farm stocks on record, in spite of record disappearance from July 1 to January 1. The January 1 farm stocks total 17 percent above the 305,794,000 bushels on farms a year ago, and were exceeded only in 1943, The 10-year average is 310,5 million bushels. Movement of wheat from farms between July 1 and January 1 was the largest on record, with unusually heavy movement before October 1. October to January farm disoppearance of 182,680,000 bushels is a little below the 136 million bushels marketed in that period a year earlier. This current high level of farm holdings is mainly due to the record 1947 production, for in percent of the crop current January 1 stocks of 31,3 percent are not quite equal to the 31.7 percent a year ago and are less than the 10-year average of 34.3 percent.

Farm reserves of 191 million bushels on January 1 in Central and Southern Great Plains States (Neoraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado) are considerably above last January 1 when they were 131 million bushels. On the other hand the Pacific Northwest's (Washington, Oregon and Idaho) farm reserves, this January 1 at 18.3 million bushels are low in comparison with 28.9 million bushels a year ago. North Dakota is the only spring wheat State with significantly larger stocks than a year ago.

OATS STOCKS ON FARES: Stocks of oats on farms January 1 are estimated at 744 million bushels. This is about 17 percent less than the near record stocks of 892 million bushels on farms a year ago but slightly above the 10-year average of 734 million bushels. Current stocks on farms are equivalent to 61 percent of the 1947 crop compared with 60 percent of the high 1946 production on hand a year ago.

The North Central States, which account for 85 percent of the farm stocks, have 630 million bushels on farms compared with 765 millions a year ago. All of the States of the area follow the same pattern rather closely and have less outs on farms then a year ago. This is due mainly to the smaller production in 1947 than in 1946 as most States are holding a higher proportion of their crop than on January 1, 1947. The South Central and Western States have larger stocks than either last year or average. The North Atlantic region has smaller stocks than last year and average.

Disappearance of oats from farms for the period October 1, 1947 to January 1, 1948 amounted to 221 million bushels. This is less than for the like period of the two previous years but is a little above the 237 million bushels average disappearance for the period.

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BARLEY STOCKS ON FARMS: On December 1, 1947 farm stocks of barley amounted to 134 million bushels. They were 5 million bushels larger than on that date a year earlier but 55 million bushels smaller than the 1939-45 average of 189 million. It was the first time in five years that Docember 1 stocks were not less than the previous year. From a high of 270 million bushels on December 1, 1942, stocks reached a low of 129 million on December 1, 1946. Disappearance from farms in the October-December, 1947 period was 26 million bushels compared with 31 million bushels in the same period a year carlier and the average of 45 million. The three States of North Pakota, South Takota, and Minnesota had December 1 stocks of approximately 63 million bushels compared with 59 million a year ago. Farm stocks of barley in Mortana were up slightly from last year. Colorado stocks were over a tenth larger than last year while California stocks were down to almost half those of a year ago. By January 1, 1948 it is estimated there were about 117,300,000 bushels, econoared with 110,000,000 bushels on January 1, 1947.

RYE STOCKS ON FARMS: Stocks of rye on farms on December 1, 1947 were $8\frac{1}{2}$ million bushels. While they exceeded the $5\frac{1}{2}$ million bushels on farms a year ago, they were at a relatively low level compared with the 1939-45 average of $20\frac{1}{2}$ million bushels. Until the unturn this year, December 1 stocks had declined for 4 successive years. Stocks on that date were equivalent to 33 percent of the 1947 production, compared with 30 percent a year earlier. October 1 to December 1 disappearance from farms of 5 million bushels was a little larger than the $4\frac{1}{4}$ million bushel farm disappearance in the corresponding period a year earlier.

Of the total of $8\frac{1}{2}$ million bushels on forms December 1, nearly $6\frac{1}{2}$ million bushels or 76 percent were in North Central States, of which $4\frac{1}{2}$ million bushels were in the 3 States of North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska. The North Central States account for 2/3 of the October 1 to December 1 disappearance from farms.

Stocks of rye on farms on January 1 are estimated at 7.2 million bushels compared with 4 million a year ago and $6\frac{1}{2}$ million bushels two years ago.

SOYBEAN STOCKS ON FARMS: Stocks of soybeans on farms January 1 totaled
50,749,000 bushels, equivalent to 28 percent of
the 1947 production. This is considerably larger than the 37,374,000 bushels
on farms a year ago, equivalent to only 19 percent of the 1946 production.
Although the 1947 soybean crop was the smallest since 1941, farm stocks on
January 1 were the highest since 1944. Farmers in the heavy-producing North Central
States have tended to hold a larger propertion of their 1947 crop on farms than for
the past three seasons. In this area alone farm stocks amount to about 46 million bushels

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compared with less than 33 million January 1, 1947. The South Atlantic States also indicate larger stocks than a year ago. In contrast the South Central States (with the exception of Kentucky) report extremely low farm stocks - only about 1/2 as large as a year ago.

Farm disappearance between October 1, 1947 and January 1, 1948 amounted to 133 million bushels from a total supply of 184 million bushels. This was the smallest disappearance for a like period in the five years of record. Disappearance for the same period a year ago was 166 million bushels from a supply of 203 million bushels.

HAY STOCKS ON FARMS: January 1 supplies of hay on farms were almost 70 million tons or about the same as a year earlier. This year's farm stocks were nearly 2 million tons larger than the 9-year (1938-46) average but several million less than the very large farm supplies on January 1, 1943 and 1946, Present supplies are probably adequate in most States but appear to be rather low in some areas.

In the eastern half of the country, east of the tier of States from Texas north to North Dakota - January 1 stocks of hay on farms were generally smaller than a year ago, the principal exceptions being in Missouri, Wisconsin, Michigan, New York and northern New England, However, in Missouri and in most of the important lespedeza and clover States east of the Mississippi River supplies of hay on January 1 were near or above average. The principal exceptions are Michigan. Indiana and Virginia, Farm stocks of hay on January I this year were also below the 10-year average in Minnesota, Iowa and most of the Cotton Belt.

In the Great Plains Region and in other Western States the situation varies considerably from State to State. In general, January 1 farm stocks of hay were larger than last year and also were above the 10-year average in the southwestern States, including California, On the other hand, January 1 farm supplies were smaller than either the 10-year average or last year in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Wyoming, but were larger in Montana and Nebraska. In general, western farmers and ranchers probably have enough hav to last until spring, given average weather, even though there is less than usual winter wheat pasturage and use of the range has been restricted by snows in some areas.

FLAXSEED ACREAGE (California, Arizona and Texas): The acreage of flaxseed sown last fall for harvest in 1948 in these southwestern flax States, is estimated at 394,000 acres, nearly two thirds larger than the 239,000 acres planted there a year ago and the largest of record for that area. The largest acreage previously was 371,000 acres planted for the 1943 crop. The acreages by States, this year and last, are California 190,000 and 125,000; Arizona 32,000 and 20,000; Texas 172,000 and 94,000. Record acreages have been planted for 1948 harvest in Arizona and Texas but California is considerably under its record 1943 acreage

Factors contributing to the increased acreage over last year in California are the high prices and good yields obtained for the 1947 crop, and generally favorable conditions for planting this season. The greatest increase in acreage is in the Imperial Valley with only a small increase in the San Joaquin Valley. In Arizona some difficulty was experienced because of wet cold weather at planting time in some areas. Acreage increased in the established south Texas area and there was some expansion into new territory in the same general area. Moisture conditions were generally favorable for getting the new crop started well,

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CITRUS: The United States orange erop for the 1947-48 season is forecast t 109.3 million boxes -- 5 percent less than last year's record of 114.0 million boxes but 30 percent above the 10-year average. Early and midseason oranges are forecast at 51.2 million boxes in comparison with 54.3 million boxes last scason and 38.7 million boxes the 10-year average. The Valencia forecast, at 57.1 million boxes for 1947-48, compares with 59.7 million boxes last year and 44.8 million boxes the 10-year average. The U. S. grapefruit erop is estimated at 62.3 million boxes -- 5 percent above the 1946-47 production and 40 percent above the 10-year average. California lemons, at 14.1 million boxes, compare with 13.8 million boxes last year and 12,2 million boxes the 10-year average. Prospective production on January 1 for each of the citrus fruits is the same as indicated on December 1.

The Florida citrus belt experienced favorable growing weather during Decomber. Rainfall was sufficient and temperatures were normal or above. The Florida crop of early and midseason oranges is forecast at 27.5 million boxes -- 10 percent below last year's production. Valencias are forecast at 23.0 million boxes -- one percent below the 1946-47 crop. The tangerine crop is forecast at 4,3 million boxes in comparison with 4.7 million boxes last season. Disposition of Florida oranges through January 3 was 14.8 million boxes, of which 6.2 million boxes were used by processors and 8.6 million boxes went to the fresh market. This compares with 14.6 million boxes harvested to January 3 last year, of which 3.4 million boxes were used by processors and 11,2 million boxes were utilized fresh. Grapefruit production is forecast at 31 million boxes compared with 29 million boxes last season. There were 7.7 million boxes of grapefruit harvested to January 3, of which 3.8 million boxes were used by eanners and 3,9 million boxes shipped fresh. This compares with 8.7 million boxes harvested to January 3, 1947, of which 4,6 million boxes were used by canners and 4.1 million boxes shipped to the fresh market. Tangerine utilization of 2.1 million boxes (1.8 million boxes fresh and ,3 million boxes processed) to January 3 compares with 2.2 million boxes (1.8 million boxes fresh and .4 million boxes processed) to January 3, 1947.

In Texas, December conditions were favorable for development of citrus fruits. The quality and sizes are improving. Although sizes are still below average, they are offering no serious problem in meeting trade demands, Rains have provided satisfactory moisture in most areas for about the usual grove needs and irrigation water is plentiful. The grapefruit erop is forecast at 24.0 million boxes -- 3 percent above last year. The Toxas orange erop is forecast at 5,9 million boxes in comparison with 5.0 million boxes last year. Utilization of grapefruit to the first of the year is about 30 percent under a year ago and of oranges about 7 percent less.

In Arizona, harvest and marketing of the crop has been slowed by unfavorable marketing conditions. Grapefruit production is forecast at 4.1 million boxes, the same as last season's production. Oranges are indicated at 1.1 million boxes compared with 1.2 million boxes last season.

California citrus crops showed fairly satisfactory development during December, although more rain would have been beneficial. Harvest and movement of Navel oranges and Desert Valley grapefruit have been slow to date. Mavel and miseellaneous oranges are estimated at 19.4 million boxes -- about one percent less than last season's crop. Valencias are estimated at 31.2 million boxes this year and 34.0 million boxes last year.

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Milk production on United States farms during December is WILK PRODUCTION: estimated at 8.2 billion pounds, lowest for the month since 1940, Froduction per cow in December was second highest on record but milk cow numbers which have been declining since mid-1944, are now the lowest since the fall of 1940. December production was h percent below a year earlier and was up only one percent from November. compared with an average increase of 3 percent. Milk production per capita in December averaged 1.83 pounds, lowest for the month in 10 years.

Preliminary milk production estimates for the 12 months of 1947 total 120 billion pounds for the year, slightly more than in 1946, and above all other years except 1945 when production was 1 percent higher. Annual milk production per capita in 1947, based on total United States population, was the lowest since 1940 but about equal to the 1936-45 average. More detailed estimates of 1947 milk production including data for all States will be issued February 18, after results of the year-end survey of milk cow numbers become available.

December weather was only moderately favorable for milk production. Temperatures for the month averaged above normal in most parts of the country, but storms in the second and last weeks of the month confined milk cows in important central and northeastern dairy areas, necessitating heavy barn feeding and adversely influencing milk production.

Milk production per cow in herds kept by crop correspondents averaged 13.15 pounds on January 1, 1948, 3 percent above a month earlier, which is the average seasonal increase from December 1 to January 1. Hilk production per cow for the country as a whole was 2 percent less than a year earlier but 6 percent above the 1937-46 average for January 1. In the Northeastern and Central Regions, production per cow on January 1 was 3 to 4 percent below a year earlier, but in the South Atlantic it was about the same and in the Western States it was 4 percent above. Compared with the 1937-46 average for January 1, milk production per cow was about the same in the North Atlantic States, 3 and 4 percent above in the East North Central and South Central States, 9 percent above in the West North Central and South Atlantic States, and 10 percent above in the Western States.

The percentage of milk cows in crop correspondents! herds reported milked on January 1, 1948, averaged 64.9 percent, higher than on the same date of 1944, 1945, and 1946, but otherwise lowest for January 1 since 1930. The percentage milked on January 1 was below average for the date in all regions except the Western States, and below a year earlier for all regions except the East North Central and Western States.

Of the 21 States for which monthly milk production estimates are available. only four States produced more milk this December than a year earlier. These were Virginia, the only State of the 21 where production was record high for December, and North Carolina, Idaho, and Oregon. In five of the 21 States, Virginia, North Carolina, Idaho, Utah, and Washington, milk production per cow was highest on record for the month of December, and in Michigan, Iowa, and Missouri highest except for December 1946. In Wisconsin, the Nation's leading dairy State, December milk production was 962 million pounds, 4 percent under a year earlier; in Minnesota 601 million pounds, 3 percent less than a year earlier;

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lion pounds each, 1 and 2 percent less respectively than in December 1946.

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3:00 P.M.(A.S.T.) in Iowa 426 million pounds, 6 percent less; in Pennsylvanic and Michigan 388 mil-

ESTIMATED MONTHLY MILK PRODUCTION ON FARMS, SELECTED STATES 1/

State	Dec. : average : 1936-45	Dec. 1946	Nov. 1947	Dec.	State	Dec. average 1936-45	Dec. 1946	Nov. 1947	Dec. 1947
]	Million p	ounds		: ~!	,	Million p	oounds	
N.J.	77	83	78	81	: Va.	11.2	129	148	134
Pa.	356	392	388		: M.C.	103	105	111	108
Ind.	241	256	261	5117	: S.C.	43	' 43	42	41
ma.	382	400	366		: Tenn.	131	143	145	139
Mich.	347	395	373 ·		: Okla.	152	152	143	136
Wis.	840	999	883		: Mont.	44	42	38	39
Minn.	618	619	502		: Idaho	87	88	87	92
Iowa	448	455	1,10		: Utah	44	49	46	49
Mo.	236	267	287		: Wash.	135	131	133	129
N.Dak.	119 ·	111	107		: Oreg.	90	81	87	83
Kans.	209	213	178	180	: Other				
					: States		3,376	3,286	3,209
					U.S.	7,991	8,529	8,099	8,170

1/ Monthly data for other States not yet available.

Farm flocks laid 3,746,000,000 eggs in December, half POULTRY AND EGG PRODUCTION: of one percent less than in December last year, but 43 percent above the 1936-45 average. Egg production reached all-time highs in the North Atlantic, East North Central and Western States, which almost offset decreases in other parts of the country.

For the entire year 1947, egg production totaled 55,476,000,000 eggs, about the same as in 1946, but 24 percent above average. A 2 percent increase in the rate of lay offset a 2 percent decrease in the average number of layers on farms during the year.

Egg production per layer in December was 9.6 eggs about the same as last This compares with a 10-year average of 7.0 eggs. Record high December rates in the East North Central and Western States were offset by the decreases from last year in all other parts of the country.

The annual rate of lay per layer on hand during 1947 was 158 eggs compared with 155 in 1946 and an average of 139 eggs.

Layers in farm flocks averaged 390,696,000 in December, about the same as in December last year, but 7 percent above average. Increases from last year in the North Atlantic, East North Central and Western States offset decreases in other parts of the country. Numbers of layers increased about 2 percent from December 1 to January 1, compared with 4 percent last year and 5 percent for the 10-year average. On January 1 there were about 1 percent fewer layers on farms than a year

Potential layers on farms January 1 (hens and pullets of laying age plus pullets not of laying age) totaled 427,863,000, about 2 percent less than a year ago, but about the same as the 10-year average. Holdings on January 1 were below those of a year ago in all parts of the country except the North Atlantic and Western States where increases were 3 and 2 percent respectively. Decreases in holdings from a year ago ranged from 2 percent in the East North Central to 6 percent in the South Atlantic States. The United States' seasonal decrease in potential layers

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from December 1 to January 1 was 7 percent, about twice what it was last year. However, the 10-year average seasonal decrease is 15 percent or over twice what it was this year.

There were 33,644,000 pullets not of laying age on January 1, the smallest number in 18 years, of record, 9 percent less than a year ago and 35 percent less than the 10-year average holdings. Holdings were below those of a year ago in all parts of the country except the West where holdings increased 1 percent. Decreases from a year ago ranged from 1 percent in the West North Central to 21 percent in the South Atlantic States. On January 1, 8 percent of the potential layers were pullets not of Taying age compared with 9 percent a year ago and an average of 12 percent.

POTENTIAL LAYERS ON FARMS, JANUARY 1 1/

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Volum	North :	E. North :	W.North:	South:	South	Western	United '	1
Year	2Atlantic :	Central:	Central :	Atlantic:	Central	western	States .	
Av. 1937-46	54,074	85,316	120,345	40,948	88,012	: 38,444	427,140	
1947	59,725	85,187	127,922	42,652	83,573	37,476	436,535	
1948	61,393	83,533	124,112	40,077	-80,443	38,305	427,863	
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Av. 1937-46	4,687	8,680	14,371	. 6,424	13,340	4,078	51,580	•
1947 '	3,433	5,843	8.694	6,033	10,031	3,110	37,144	
1948 :	2,922	4,959	8,589	4,755	9,278	3,141	33,644	
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Prices received by farmers for eggs in mid-December averaged 58.7 cents per dozen, the highest for the month since 1920, compared with 47.0 cents a year ago and 34.3 cents for the 1936-45 average. Egg prices increased 10 percent during the month ending December 15 compared with a 2 percent decrease last year and an

average decrease of 3 percent.

Chicken prices increased 1 percent during the month ending December 15 and on that date averaged 25.2 cents per pound live weight, compared with 27.4 cents a year ago and an average of 17.6 cents. Live poultry markets were steady to firm during December. Supplies were fairly heavy but on the whole receipts moved readily.

Turkey prices in mid-December averaged 39.0 cents per pound live weight, the highest in 38 years of record, compared with 35.0 cents a year ago and an average of 23.4 cents. Prices increased 3.2 cents per pound during the month ending.

December 15 compared with a decrease of 1.5 cents last year and an average increase of 0.6 cents. Turkey markets were firm during December and prices advanced steadily under relatively light supplies and active demand.

The average cost of feed in a United States poultry ration at mid-December prices was \$4.89 per 100 pounds, an increase of 18 cents from a month earlier, compared with \$3.54 a year ago and an average of \$2.17. The egg-feed, chickenfeed and turkey-feed price relationships on December 15 were considerably lower than they were a year earlier or the 10-year average.

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Washington, D. C., January 9, 1948 January 1, 1948 3:00 P.M. (E.S.T.)

GRAIN STOCKS ON FARMS ON JANUARY 1

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State	: Average : 1937-46 :	2021	1948	:Average: :1937-46:		1948	:Average		1948	
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N.Y.	4,154	4,715	3,279	3,035	1,864	3, 152	16,147		9,603	
N _o J.	4,186	5,006	4,354	428	542	638	884		700	
Pan	32,152	36,156	35,408	7,242	7,367	7,581	16,473	19,521		
Ohio	102,935	120,128	91,453	13,146	12,130		25,359	37,963	15,246	
Indo	130,178	167,754		6,304	4,112	5:372	24,872	32,490	22,008	
I11.	293,851	351,015	•	5,712	2,323	2,282	80,631	89,238	72;543	
Micha	33,047	29,036	25,667	8,719	8,700		32,669	48,885	28,612	
Wis.	32,244	39,717	37,740	1,103	1,539	1,676	62,778	83,588	82,194	
Minn,	110,969	137,687	101,828	13,184	13,811	9,285	102,529	126,404	102,899	
Iowa	398,759	459,192	232,708	2,023	1,084	358	126,622	131,176	117,396	
Mo.	86,198	. 117,632	64,209	5,057	3,821	4;399	27,851	32,566	21,376	
N. Dak.		4,523	5,601	58,466	72,708	80,321	,39,196	45,048	43,950	
S. Dak.		79,861	42,830	17,698	29,258	28 _{\$} 423	44,362	68,271	62,082	
Napr.	120,315	174,392	100,411	21,829	35,364	31,605	30,367	46,610	38,857	
Kans	32,457	33,134	20,376	49,478	59,634	97,479	19,298	22,306	22,250	
Dola	2,857	3,572	3,271	317	195	98	50	42	80	
Md.	11,472	9,643	9,955	1,195	952,	932	615	702		
Va	23,166	28,014	.30,440	2,542	2,253	2,386	1,424	2,130	1,866	
W.Va.	7,177	6,575	8,225	744	614	846	1,153	1,371	1,471	
N.C.	35,310	40,372	49,483	2,110	2,081	2,619	2,399	4,504	3, 952	
S.C.	17,540	20,433	19,110	449	406	566	3,008	4,823	3,926	
Gas	31,542	31,850	33,945	519	398	638	2,308 35	2,789	3,220 90	
Fla	4,014	3,248	4,504	661	240	415	798	1,703	845	
Ky. Tenn.	44,812	57,842	53,827	664 815	249 582	727	1,030	1,948	2,133	
Ala	41,983	45,262	43,097 31,039	. 33	26	22		997	1,017	
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Okla.	14, 287	11,987	11,209	12,022	15,005	16,757			18,635	
Texa		. 24,159	19,937		8,179		15,210		10,937	
Mont.	483	126	216	30,605	29,557		9,572	8,620	8,802	
Idaho	898	393	490	8,646	9,060	7,966	3,931			
Wyo.	566	277	309	1,857	2,680	3,249	2,668	3,546	3, 888	
Colo.	7,069	6,482	8,.134	7,952	12,978	21,259	3,601	3,871	4,968	
N. Mex.	1,507	1,605	. 1.218	871	521	2,449	380	315	359	
Ariz.	229 105	215	221	120	96. 3.490	41	1,130	111	1 563	
Utah Nevo	24	, 18	63 -22	2,936 255	3,490 218	4,283	160	185	1,563	
Wash	245	-208	.259	9,056	14,813	7,770	. 4.026	3.564		
Oreg.	558	333	353	.4,753	5,034	2,594	4,635	4,206	4,255	
Calif.	897	672	472	1,636	2,016	601	549	627	340	
U.S.	1,811,738	2,136,640	1,517,901	310,518	365,794	427,620	733,849	892,282	7 4 3, 783	
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Washington, D. C.,

STOCKS OF BAPLEY AND RYE ON FARMS ON DECEMBER 1

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N.J.	92	159		194	64		58	62
Pa.	1,816	2,286	٠,	2,435	397		188	153
Ohio	420	201		222	452		107	184
Inde	458	234		224	477		87	1 244
Ille	.1,151	206		197	270		81	160
Mich.	. 3,673	. 3,324		2,622	453		202	291
Wis.	10,800	2,278		2,504	1,237		376	420
Minn.	26,008	12,967		12,919	2,088		368	. 320
Iowa	3,212	164		400	202		66	102
Mos	1,086	554		609	115		57	66
N.Dak.	34,048	26,494		29,711	4,453		474	1,395
S, Dak.	25,050	19,388		20,163	4,694		759	1,895
Nebr.	16,895	6,687		6,370	2,617		1,074	1,166
Kans.	8,306	2,712		3 , 956.	341		117	. 201
Del.	100	. 116		154	17		24	24
Md.	864	891		995	75		47	63
Vao	898	1,250		1,338	157		118	129
W.Va.	. 157	128		139	29		15	15
N.C.	231	297		402	110		41	131
S.C.	80	147		112	3 3		35	36
Ga	33	30		35	27		15	16
Ky.	717	412		477	34		26	, 88
Tenn.	385	42 6		420	58		58	. 35
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Okla.	3,228	910		1,123	345		112	96
Tex.	2,204	940		1,210	91		33	94
Mont.	8,661	11,408		11,840	359		165	254
Idaho	6,705	4,486		5,115	39		- 22	. 38
Wyo.	2,686	3,105 9,780		3,251	152		. 55	. 42
Colo.	11,033	8,780 204		9,995	502		213	. 183
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Ariz. Utah	3,735	3,256		3 , 299	54			
Nev.	494	340		525			63	. 60
Wash.	2,854	1,418		1,602	117		. 52	. ~~
Oreg.	2,654 3,592	3,025		3,121	284		373	50
Calif.	4,269	6,449		5,121 5,461	52			. 336
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Ü.S.	189,314	128,935	_ 1	33,912	20,558		5,576	8,477

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STOCKS OF HAY AND SOYBEANS ON FARMS ON JANUARY 1

Hay

Soybeans rage: 1947: 1948 8-46: 1947: 1948 Thousand tons State : Average : 1945 1946 1938-46_: Thousand bushels 591 363 N.H. 275 989 312 283 874 1,065 Vt. 375- --436 ---367 Mass. 36 35 R.I. 30 Conn. 282 331 322 3,908 4,221 284 4,190 146 . 48 102 N.Y. 97 N.J. 265 124 108 92 2,663 2,804 2,263 2,446 244 207 178 , Pa. 2,629 5,448 7,608 6,126 7,094 5,428 7,147 3.413 2,552 Ohio 1,844 Ind. 1,810 11,881 3,080 13,536 790 2,934 16,299 Ill. 2,949 2,425 2,536 2,655 450 804 870 Mich. 4,478 4,981 3,697 355 961 228 210 Wis. 3,892 4,482 1,311 Minn. 3,312 4,265 4,429 4,020 8,142 Iowa 2,059 . 2,967 2,361 1,998 3,413 Mo. 30° N. Dak. 2,553 2,724 1,419 S. Dak. 2,406 57 405 Mebr. 89 140 Kans. 59 246 240 Del. 71 59 211 365 224 480 196 260 203 1,291 978 409 436 581 , Va. 1,039 699 781 743 10 6 W. Va. 950 54 36 N.C. 872 323 735 252 1,269 298 513 42 62 S.C. 495 38 Ga. 53 Fla. 45 35 1,492 1,875 360 1,937 396 288 . 92 1,464 1,716 1,608 154 Tenn. 283 220 570 74 460 144 Ala. 538 240 119 709 Miss. 721 647 347 363 399 187 9951 .857 614 769 600 1,104 Ark. 60 236 124 La. 261 266 142 936 924 34 31 1,000 Okla. 675 829 Tex. 894 2,447 2,828 2,404 Mont. 1,484 1,666 1,847 Idaho 1,125 1,193 967 Wyo. 1,720 Colo. 1,602 1,492 286 M. Mex. 231 252 Ariz. 234 148 102 626 809 Utah. 500 566 1,137 1,162 1,051 1,346 1,223 <u>Calif.</u> _ <u>1,568</u> 1:707 69,675 _ _69,630

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS CROP REPORT Washington, D. C., as of. CROP REPORTING BOARD January 9, 1948 3:90 P.M. (E.S.T.) January 1, 1948 CITRUS FRUITS Condition Jan 1 1 :Average: 1945 Indic. and :Average: 1946 1947 ORANGES: Thousand boxes Percent Ualifornia; all 78 80 46.532 44,010 53,670 50,600 Navels & Misc. 3/ 78 78 80-19,670 18,203 17,680 19,400 Valencias 78 80 76 , 28,329 26,330 31,200 34,000 Florida, all 71 74 69 33,030 49,800 4/53,700 50,500 18,125 25,400 4/30,500 Early & Midseason 5/70. 76 27,500 Valencias 5/69 23,200 73 67 14,905 24,400 23,000 73 5,800 Texas, all 3/ 78 2,942 4,800 5,000 81 Early & Midseason 3,480 80 1,722 2,880 3,150 81 Valencias .1,850 2,320 76 81 1,220 1,920 Arizona, all 3/ 75 79 697 1,210 1,060 65 1,200 Navels & Misc. 78 480 58 327 570 600 Valencias 79 70 371 640 600 580 Louisiana, all 3/ 85 288 300 _ 5 States 6/ 113,980 83,488 100,150 Total Early & Midseason 7 38,664 46,860 54,330 51,160 44,824 53,290 Total_Valencias _ 59,650 _ 57.100 TANGERINES: 3.190 4,200 4/ 4,700 Florida _ All oranges and tangerines: 5 States 6/ <u>86.678104,350 118,680</u> 112,560 GRAPE FRUIT: Florida, all 64 22,830 32,000 4/29,000 68 31,000 5/64 8.840 14,000 4/14,000 14,000 Seedless 71 65 5/59 13,999 18,000 4/15,000 Other 65 17,000 71 16,121 24,000 8/23,300 Texas, all 71 75 24,000 76 3,031 4,100 8/ 4,100 4,100 Arizona, all 78 3,120 76 77 77 2,611 3,350 California, all 3,170 5/89 1,220 1,200 76 76 Desert Valleys 1,115 1,220 1,496 2,130 1,970 68 44,593_63,450_ 62,270 4_States 6/ 59,520 LEMOYS: California 6/ 78 78 12,186 14,450 13,760 14,100 LIMES: Florida M. __<u>__56</u>___<u>__51__`__135_</u>__<u>__205</u>___<u>__17</u>0 Condition reported on January 1 refers to crop from bloom of previous calendar year.

Z/ Season begins with the bloom of the year shown and ends with the completion of harvest the following year. In California picking usually extends from about Oct. 1 to Dec. 31 of the following year. following year. In California picking usually extends from about Oct.1 to Dec. 31 of the following year. In other States the season begins about Oct.1 and ends in early summer, except for Florida limes, harvest of which usually starts about April 1. For some States in certain years, production includes some quantities donated to charity, unharvested, and/or eliminated on account of economic conditions. 3/ Includes small quantities of tangerines.

4/ Production includes the following quantities in 1946 not harvested on account of economic conditions (1,000 boxes): Oranges, Florida Early and Midseason, 900; Tangerines, Florida, 800;

Grapefruit, Florida Seedless, 800; Other, 1,800.

5/ Short-time average. 5/Net content of box varies. In California and Arizona the approximate average for oranges is 77 lb. and grapefruit 65 lb. in the Desert Valleys; 68 lb. for California grapefruit in other areas; in Floridá and other States, oranges, including tagnerines 90 lb. and grapefruit 80 lb., California, 79 lb; Florida limes, 80 lb. 7/ In California, and Arizo, Navels and miscelleneous.

8/ Production includes the following excessive quantities not utilized on account of economic conditions: Tex., 500,000 boxes; Ariz., 923,000 boxes (480,000 boxes unharvested and 443,000

baxes dumped).

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3:00 2. M. (E.S.T.

MILK PRODUCED PER MILK COW IN HERDS KEPT BY REPORTERS 1/ 1946 and: 1947 _Division_:___1937-46__ : _ _ N.H. 14.5 14.9 15.2 15.0 12.9 12.5 . 13.9 12.8 16.7 16.1 Mass. 16,3 16.1 . 16.9 15.3 16.7 Conn. 16.0 N.Y. 18.0 18.9 19.2 18.4 N.J. 15.0_ 14.5 14.2 14.6 Ohio 12.9 12.9 13.6 13.0 Ind. 14.0 Ill. 14.3 14.1 15.2 14.3 16.2 17.0 16.0 15.9 15.57 16.9 15.9 Mich. E. N. CENT. _ _ _ _ _ 14.49 15.6 16.6 16.0 16.8 Minn. 14.0 14.8 13.6 15.2 Mowa 8.4 8.7 10.0 Mo. N. Dak. 10.7 10.9 11.8 11:7 S. Dak. 10.0 10.8 11.3 10.1 14.1 Nebr. 12.1 12.1 13.3 13.35 14.3 11.9 10.4 13.8 14.9 Va. 11,1 10.4 10.2 9.4 W. Va. N.C. 10.9 10.8 10.8 9.1. 8.2 10.6 10.2 S.C. 872 _____10,69 9.3 8.7 8.0 10.5 10.0 Miss. 6.1
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S.CENT. 8.00 6,6 7.0 12.1 . 11.9 Mont. Idaho 15.0. 17,2 14.6 11.4 12.7 Wyo. Colo. 13.1 17.4 Utah 15.3 15.3 16.9 Wash. 12.6 13.4 12.6 Oreg. on combined returns from crop and special dairy reporters; others represent crop reporters only. Averages for some less important dairy States are not shown separately. - 15 -

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Washington, D. C., January 9, 1948 3:00 P. M. (E.S. L.

: Number of layers on: Eggs per Shand during December 100 layers : During December: Jan. to Dec.incl and Division: 1946 : 1947 .: 374 2,149 35 36 14 1,618 1,519 36 N.H. 2,335 1,665 2,153 36 1,575 176 160 874 1,513 · 13 4,813 4,862 78 899 871 1,575 96 534 558 8 8 101 1,562 1,507 Conn. 3,072 53 3,310 1,680 1,587 52 531 13,235 199 2,174 14,196 176 1,333 2,153 1,401 7,984 19,394 1,162 N.J. 8,852 1,432 1,147 102 1,277 102 20,498 57,835 250_ 774_ 2,938 238 54,205 739_ 195 164 Ohio 185 17,193 17,124 1,138 1,076 Ind. 14,236 15,004 18,892 145 2,038 2,689 1,017 1,091 19,403 Ill. 936 967 182 183 Mich. 11,054 10,943 _16,789 _78,752 1,643 998 1,144 1,076 110 118 187_ . 199 859 307 299 160 4,069 4,417 2,764 Minn. 1,206 320 316 29,192 19,095 4,326 7,888 12,871 1,023 837 688 1,029 837 629 19,506 163 28 N. Dak. 585 30 7,788 13,161 S.Dak. 704 639 50 Nebr. 1,913 961 999 116 14.657 __2<u>.</u>072_ 140_ 121 894 983 Md. 976 862 509 404 30 8,278 79 28 1,171 980 1,204 949 3,463 W. Va. 837 3,405 81.2 29 485 8,170 N.C. 8,165 564 46 52 980 1,003 3,320 15 353 3,145 445 346 12 327 5,831 635 6,297 415 24 624 Gas 499 31 36,080 4,505 1,230 1,055 653 76 53 24 Ky. 9,130 8,397 840 837 629 79 60 Tenn. 688 Ala. 5,705 6,106 497 422 30 5,652 397 22 19 353 6,007 5,429 Ark. 369 22 20 607 La. 3,058 3,392 13 391 372 328 302 Okla. 790 77 1,297 9,608 9,656 803 76 1,315 57<u>0</u> 603 119 398... Mont. 1,713 1,568 794 880 14 14 230 21 Idaho 2,006 2,090 1,008 992 20 280 307 711 705 815 837 6 6 97 103 3,050 2,824 744 20 N. Mex. 993 1,008 781 128 Ariz. 1,004 1,063 1,008 1,237 1,197 1,128 1,063

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